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Board considers school environmental health and safety rule

Wednesday, June 10, 9:30 – 4:45 p.m., Cherberg Building, Senate Hearing Room 4, Capitol Campus, Capitol Way, Olympia

At its June 10 meeting, the state Board of Health will resume its deliberations on the school environmental health and safety rule. The board will vote on an existing proposal that was postponed last October and will discuss the implementation restriction imposed by the Legislature as part of the 2009-11 operating budget.

The board will also hear a briefing on emergency rule-making requiring that hospitalized or fatal cases of novel influenza A (H1N1) virus be added to the list of notifiable conditions. The board will also consider a request from the Department of Health to delegate rule-making to adopt federal lead and copper rule requirements for Group A public drinking water supplies. Other items on the agenda include a briefing on the status of clandestine drug lab rule-making and a review of the 2009 legislative session.

The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide testimony on any public health issue at 1:30 p.m. Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the board at 360-236-4100 or on the <u>Board of Health Web site</u> (<u>www.sboh.wa.gov</u>). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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